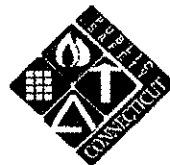




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### **SB 838 AN ACT CONCERNING CONSUMER PRIVACY AND IDENTITY THEFT**

Identity theft is a serious crime that can have devastating consequences for the victim. These types of crimes are often associated with other types of criminal activity, such as fraud, drug and weapons trafficking, money laundering, internet crimes and terrorism.

By Executive Order 11, Governor M. Jodi Rell established the Governor's Identity Theft Advisory Board to make recommendations to improve Connecticut's laws and help address this growing problem. This board issued a report January 6, 2006 which included among its recommendations making it a crime to possess access devices, document-making equipment, and authentication implements for the purpose of obtaining, tampering with or using the personal identifying information of another person.

Current law does not criminalize the simple possession of items like these, but would require their use to obtain a benefit to constitute identity theft.

Passage of this bill will provide law enforcement with a necessary tool to assist in the apprehension and prosecution of criminals engaged in identity theft.

Sincerely,

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